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Man Enters Plea to Shooting Dog in La Mirada

A Lakewood man pleaded no contest today for fatally shooting a dog last month, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Shane Michael Dubyak, 23, entered the plea to one felony count of cruelty to an animal and admitted using a revolver in the commission of the crime.

Deputy District Attorney Mireya Camacho said Dubyak was immediately sentenced to five years in state prison and is prohibited from caring, owning or possessing any animals for 10 years.

On January 5, the defendant shot a 15-year-old terrier named Kurtis that was left under his care in the 16400 block of Phoebe Avenue in La Mirada, the prosecutor said. A few days later, police spotted Dubyak and he fled when they attempted to detain him but was ultimately arrested.

Case VA152581 was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Norwalk Station.

About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.